GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Development of Regional Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started all the regional airports in non-metro urban centres to promote the aviation industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of small towns selected to be included in the domestic aviation network along with the current status of their development?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d): Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) - UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) in October, 2016 with the objective to facilitate / stimulate regional air connectivity to currently underserved and unserved airports. In order to implement the scheme, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved a budgetary provision of Rs. 4500 crores for revival of un-served/underserved airports/airstrips in the country. The revival of airstrips/airports is ""demand driven"", depending upon firm commitment from airline operators as well as from the State Government for providing various concessions. AAI, the implementing agency of RCS-UDAN has awarded 128 routes connecting 43 unserved and under-served airports (details are at Annexure) to 5 selected airlines for commencing operations under RCS-UDAN in the 1st round of bidding. RCS flights from seven RCS airports namely Shimla, Nanded, Kadapa, Kandla, Porbandar, Gwalior and Bhatinda have already commenced.